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BRITISH COLUMBIA

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency JAMES DOUGLAS, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of British Columbia, Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

WHEREAS, under and by virtue of an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the session of Parliament held in the 21st and 22nd years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, entitled "An Act to provide for the Government of British Columbia," and by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, I, JAMES DOUGLAS, have been appointed Governor of the said Colony, and have been authorized by Declaration under the Public Seal of the said Colony, to make laws, institutions, and ordinances, for the peace, order, and good government of the same, and

WHEREAS, the state of communications and of gaols in British Columbia is such as in many parts of the Colony, to render the detention and safe custody for any lengthened period of criminals, and also the conveyance of prisoners and of witnesses, very insecure and expensive. And it is expedient to make

further provision for the speedy trial of prisoners, or persons charged with offences.

Now, Therefore, I, JAMES DOUGLAS, Governor of the said Colony, do hereby declare, proclaim, and enact as follows:

It shall be lawful for the Judge of the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of British Columbia, whenever he shall deem it expedient to hold a Court in any part of British Columbia, for the trial of any person or persons charged with any offence, and whether in custody or not, upon such notice of trial as he shall in such case deem expedient, and every Court held by the said Judge for the trial of any criminal or alleged offender, (although no special commission may have been issued for that occasion,) have all the powers and jurisdiction of a Court of oyer and terminer, and gaol delivery, as if a special commission for that occasion had been duly issued.

..... Issued under the Public Seal of the
L. S. said, Colony at Victoria, Vancouver
..... Island, this twenty-third day of
April, in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and sixty,
and in the twenty-third year of her
Majesty's reign, by me,

JAMES DOUGLAS.

By command of His Excellency.

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.

Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

